



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, May 16, 2022
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Regular members: Chair: Kenneth Williams; Vice Chair Susan Bell; Virginia Denson, Wathenia Clark; Alternates: Dianna Lieberenz,
Absent: Cheryl Smith, Sharon Pouzar, Alberta Reese
Visitors: Larry and Gaylnn Beckham, Brownie Sherill, Jade Broadnax
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Pamela Bell, City Council Liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Director; Kari Pacheco, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director; Colin Paterson, Senior Programmer

1. The Chair, Kenneth Williams, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Quorum present. Dianna Lieberenz appointed as a voting member.
2. No citizen's Input.
3. Consider approving the minutes from April 18, 2022.
 - A. Virginia Denson made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes.
 - B. Susan Bell seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 to 0.
4. Rowlett Police Presentation.
 - A. Interim Police Chief, Dan Miller, shared the department's organizational chart, and their current challenges such as a young department, growth versus the amount of space, and the recent retirement of Police Chief Godfrey. Some of the department's activities are that dispatch answered an average of 7,000 phone calls per a month and 2,000 of these were 911 emergencies; patrol responded to 46,972 calls for service and 128 for service per day.
 - B. Recent trends are catalytic converter thefts, telephone and online scams, jugging, homelessness and crisis assistance program.
5. Senior program and activity update.

A new golf cart driver has been hired. The trip to Canton will be on June 3rd, Dallas Food Festival on June 10th. Reminder that the Fire Department does blood pressure checks on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 8:30a-10a. Will start a new series of nutrition classes through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Partnering with SCOR on a pancake breakfast.
6. Follow up on the DART seminar held April 19, 2022, and discuss fall seminars.
 - A. The DART seminar had 15 in attendance and some good points of information were provided.



- B. Members discussed ideas for seminars to be held in October, November, and January. October will be on afterlife arrangements. November will focus on estate planning and living wills but need to find a speaker.
7. AARP Action Plan results update and to include a discussion of the possible development of a Seniors Facebook page.
 - A. Shared the city website update and showed them the updates. Members need to look at the changes on their own and provide feedback at the next meeting.
 - B. Due to two of the three committee members absent today, the discussion on developing a Senior Facebook page is postponed until next meeting.
8. Begin discussion on the joint meeting with City Council scheduled for June 7, 2022.
 - A. Pamela Bell stated during the meeting Tuesday, members will vote on a warehouse development proposal on Dexham & Hwy 66; City Academy begins June 2nd; The city's revenue analysis for FY2022 is positive; the Animal Shelter is in "red zone" so if anyone wants to adopt new pets; Farmer's Market is happening on Thursday afternoons downtown; Barks, Brews and Brats will be held June 11th at 6pm; Memorial Day Celebration will be on May 28th; and this evening the new city council members will be sworn in.
 - B. The presentation for the June 7th meeting was reviewed and discussed.
9. Discuss Senior Friendly Business Award and Volunteer Recognition.
 - A. Members reviewed the list of possible business nominations. A committee needs to be made to choose the top three to present to board members during the June meeting. Wathenia C, S. Bell and V. Denson will be on this committee.
 - B. If there are additional names, these need to be submitted to S. Monroe and the list will be presented during the June meeting.
10. Follow up on the Resource Fair plans for September 13, 2022.

Board members reviewed the updated list and decided on the first 42 vendor to be invited and the remaining 10 will be placed on a waiting list.
11. No Senior Concerns.
12. Public announcements.
 - A. Neighborhood Fest will be held on June 11th from 9am - 11am at Coyle House. This first session is geared toward active senior adults. There will be music, snacks, and games.
 - B. Pam Bell stated this is Brownie Sherrill's last day as Deputy Pro City Council.
13. No Members of the board requested topics for future meetings.
14. Susan Bell made a motion to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. Wathenia Clark seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

Kenneth Williams, Chair

Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Director